

Present simple

We use present simple to talk about:

For **habits** or **actions** that we **regularly** do:

He **visits** his friends **every** Sunday.



For **general facts**:

The sun **rises** in the East.



For **permanent situations**:

He **lives** in Athens.



The different forms of present simple are:

Affirmative

I walk	It walks
You walk	We walk
He walks	You walk
She walks	They walk



Negative

I don't walk	It doesn't walk
You don't walk	We don't walk
He doesn't walk	You don't walk
She doesn't walk	They don't walk



Interrogative

Do I walk?

Does it walk?

Do you walk?

Do we walk?

Does he walk?

Do you walk?

Does she walk?

Do they walk?



The short answers for interrogative sentences in present simple are:

Yes, I / you / we /
they **do**

Yes, he / she / it
does

(Affirmative)

No, I / you / we /
they **don't**

No, he / she / it
doesn't

(Negative)

Tercer person singular

We add **-s** to the verb to form the third person singular (he, she, it).

I write - She writes **s**



I jump - He jumps **s**



We add **-es** to verbs that end in **-ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o**.

I fix - he fixes **es**



I watch - he watches **es**



With verbs ending in **consonant + y**, we change the **-y** to **-ies**.

I study - she **studies**



I try - he **tries**



With verbs ending in **vowel + y**, we just add **-s** as usual.

I play - she **plays**



Some expressions in Present simple are:

Frequency adverbs



always, usually,
often, sometimes,
rarely, never

Time expressions



every day / week /
Friday...
on Mondays /
Sundays...
at the weekend...
in the morning /
afternoon...
in winter / spring...
once a day / week...

Write the third person singular of the following verbs. (type only small letters).



play



go



wash



teach



drive



carry



fly



start



help



kiss



watch



tidy



like



enjoy



cry



mix

2. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple tense of the verbs. (type only small letters).

1. Peter and his friends _____ to school by bus. (go)
2. Elephants _____ leaves and grass. (eat)
3. David's father _____ in a hospital. (work)
4. The bank opens at 9.30 and _____ at 4.30. (close)
5. Tom and Jim _____ football every day after school. (play)
6. Mr Jones is a teacher. He _____ History. (teach)
7. Our lessons _____ at 9.00 and _____ at 3.30. (start / finish)
8. My pen friend _____ in Japan. (live)
9. Mary and her brother _____ cartoons every Sunday morning. (watch)
10. John _____ his room every day. (tidy)

3. Fill in the gaps with the Present Simple of the verbs in the box.

go	work	ride	deliver	love	jog	rest	fish	walk
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Mr. Letty is a postman. He doesn't work in the post office. He always **works** outside in the streets. He _____ letters to all the people in the neighborhood every day. He doesn't _____ but he _____ his motorbike. At the weekend, Mr. Letty doesn't work. He _____. He _____ the countryside, so he always _____ to his country house with his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Letty _____ in the river and they _____ in the woods every weekend.



4. Look at the pictures and choose the best options for questions and answers, as in the example.

1. play / the guitar / in the afternoon

Does he play the guitar in the afternoon?

No he doesn't play the guitar in the afternoon.

He plays the accordion.



2. walk / after lunch



3. ride / their / bicycles / to work / every day



4. listen / to the radio / every Sunday



5. clean / the house / on Mondays



6. watch / TV / after school



5. Fill in the gaps with the **negative** or the **interrogative** form of the Present Simple of the verbs in brackets.

Mark: Hi, Tess! What are you doing?

Tess: I'm watching the football team.

Mark: Do you **watch** (watch) them every day?

Tess: No, I don't. They (not play) every day. They play four times a week.

Mark: you (have) a favorite player?

Tess: No, I (not have) a favorite player. Everyone on the team is good.

Mark: the attacker (move) fast?

Tess: No, he (not move) fast, but he's very clever.

you (like) football, Mark?

Mark: No, I (not like) it. I like basketball. It's a great sport.

